

Wagner Receives Top Governor's EMS Award

9 Others Honored at Virginia EMS Symposium



Excellence in EMS
Karen D. Wagner
Woodstock, Va.

Karen Wagner was recognized for her outstanding leadership as President of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, and her service to the Virginia Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and numerous EMS organizations.

She was cited as a major contributor to Virginia's unified pre-hospital system involving state government, localities and EMS providers.

Mrs. Wagner has been instrumental in coordinating efforts to increase funding, legislative actions and recruitment of volunteers for EMS agencies. She has been active in Virginia's EMS system for 20 years. She is an EMT-B with Woodstock Rescue Squad and dedicates countless hours to teaching EMS volunteers and staff.



Outstanding EMS Agency
Little Fork Fire & Rescue Company
Rixeyville, Va.

In just 10 years Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co. has gained recognition for serving its community with outstanding pre-hospital patient care. Last year, the agency responded to 364 BLS calls in Culpeper County and 230 assist calls in neighboring counties.

The agency is cited for its strong leadership and dedicated volunteer membership that has resulted in a reputation as one of the most dependable and reliably staffed stations in the area.

The 34-member agency offers community health and safety education programs, and participates in many community events.

dent of Hot Springs Rescue Squad, serves on the Central Shenandoah EMS Council and is a member and advisor for Burnsville First Responders, which she was instrumental in forming.

Ms. Henry was cited for her "confident manner that demonstrates her extreme knowledge, intelligence and subtle sense of humor as applied to the most human and difficult of circumstances. She teaches emergency response classes and serves on numerous other community boards.



Outstanding EMS Administrator
Robert A. Brown
Mathews, Va.

Robert Brown is assistant chief, York County Fire and Life Safety. He was recognized for his depth of experience in emergency medical services and dedication as a provider, instructor, coach, supervisor, administrator, rescue squad volunteer and fire officer.

Brown is certified at every level of basic and advanced life support pre-hospital care. He has been active as a regional council volunteer and staff member. Brown serves on the State EMS Advisory Board's EMS Communications Committee and Financial Assistance Review Committee. He is cited as an excellent instructor in all levels of pre-hospital basic and refresher courses.



Outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider
Perlista Y. Henry
Warm Springs Va.

Perlista Henry was commended for being on call for her community 24 hours a day, seven days a week for more than 20 years as an EMS volunteer. She is vice presi



**Outstanding EMS Call
Bowling Green Volunteer Rescue
Squad, Bowling Green Volunteer
Fire Dept.
Bowling Green, Va.**

In January 2004, Bowling Green Volunteer Rescue Squad and Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene of an automobile crash that involved two fatalities and two injured victims. The crash was so severe it took several hours to extricate the victims,

The two agencies were recognized for exceptionally coordinating the integration of Virginia's EMS system. The response involved county dispatch, mutual aid, five fire agencies, two rescue squads, Medvac helicopters and law enforcement. The cooperation and regional EMS teamwork in this community helped save two lives.

**Outstanding
Contribution to EMS
Carilion Foundation Roanoke, Va.**

Carilion Foundation was recognized for its contributions totaling \$90,000 to establish a training center for pre-hospital provider education and sponsor the Wester 14 Disaster Task Force and \$200,000 to advance Western Virginia EMS Council initiatives.

Carilion Foundation was cited as a "solid and dependable partner to EMS." It dedicates resources to projects that improve health care delivery. Since its inception seven years ago, Carilion Foundation has made 400 awards totaling more than \$16 million.



**Outstanding
EMS Physician
Kimberly J. Mitchell,
MD
Yorktown, Va.**

Dr. Kimberly Mitchell started her EMS career as a dispatcher before she became an EMT, a Paramedic and ultimately a board certified emergency medicine physician. She is now an emergency department attending physician at Riverside Regional Medical Center.

She was recognized for her medical oversight and operational direction for Virginia's EMS system. Dr. Mitchell was cited for her commitment to the patient, EMS leadership, quality care and EMS participation.

She is an Operational Medical Director for York County Dept. of Fire and Life Safety and a member of the State EMS Advisory Board and the Peninsulas Regional EMS Council.



**Outstanding
Pre-Hospital
Instructor
Jenni-Meade Carter
Bowling Green, Va.**

Jenni-Meade Carter, Regional Education Coordinator for Rappahannock EMS Council, was recognized for establishing the state's first EMT-Intermediate Accreditation training site. She also oversees the Regional ALS Preceptor Program that ensures a standard for field education and has resulted in over 70 trained preceptors in the region. She recently introduced a new instructor course in geriatric education for EMS.

Ms. Carter was cited for her ability to motivate while teaching and her service on many EMS educational committees at the local and state level. She is also a volunteer with Bowling Green Volunteer Rescue Squad and Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Dept.



**Outstanding Contribution to EMS
for Children
Aquia Harbour Volunteer Rescue
Squad
Stafford, Va.**

Aquia Harbour Volunteer Rescue Squad was recognized for its many successful programs that have helped educate children in first aid and safety for 15 years.

Annual programs include first aid mini-classes for some 80 children; Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Girl Scout first aid training for 100 youths; poison prevention classes; babysitting classes; participation in the national Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill; and a junior program for high school students to train and run with the squad. Aquia Harbour hosts National Night Out and provides Kid ID Kits and child safety seat checks.



**Nurse With
Outstanding
Contribution to EMS
Mark D. Bohn, RN
Newport News, Va.**

Mark Bohn, RN was honored for his work with Virginia's EMS system to ensure quality patient care and interdisciplinary clinical excellence in the Middle Peninsula. His dedication to clinical training, educational opportunities and professional development significantly impacts pre-hospital patient care in his community.

Bohn is the EMS Coordinator for Riverside Regional Medical Center and a member of its emergency department clinical staff. He is credited with helping to make the region's Metropolitan Medical Response System a national model for regional cooperation and emergency health systems planning and response.